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NEW BUOYS TO HELP BOATERS GAUGE 150 FEET

GILFORD, N.H. – The N.H. Marine Patrol has set special buoys at public docks on Lake Winnepesaukee to help boaters accurately gauge 150 feet, the distance with which boaters are required to maintain no-wake, or headway speed when approaching the shore, docks or other watercraft.

The buoys, which have been placed at public docks in Wolfeboro, Alton and Center Harbor, are part of a boating education campaign by the N.H. Marine Patrol called C-150.

“It is essential that all boaters be able to accurately judge 150 feet,” said David T. Barrett, director of Safety Services. “That distance provides the margin for safe boating speeds in our increasingly crowded waters. The buoys are a reminder of the 150-foot rule”

Barrett said a buoy has been in place 150 feet from the state Marine Patrol dock in Gilford to remind boating officers of what the distance looks like on the water. The C-150 buoys are aimed at providing the same reinforcement to all boaters.

The C-150 buoys are white with a green horizontal stripe at the top and bottom. The stand three feet out of the water and are 10 inches wide. They are readily visible, but their only purpose is to mark 150 feet. They are not navigational buoys, Barrett said.

Additional C-150 buoys may be placed at other public docks on Lake Winnepesaukee and the program may be expanded to public docks on other lakes as well.